

MYSTERY CLOUDS WOMAN'S DEATH

Miss Elsie C. Givens, Young and Pretty, Dies Suddenly in Roanoke.

INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY

Autopsy Discloses Presence of Poison, but Jury Reaches No Verdict.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Roanoke, Va., September 15.—Mystery surrounds the death about 7 o'clock Sunday morning of Miss Elsie C. Givens, twenty-four years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Givens, who live near Eagle Rock, Holcomb County, Mrs. W. F. Hess, who lives at the house where the girl died, says Miss Givens came to her home late Saturday and complained of being ill, and asked for a place to lie down. Sunday morning her condition became grave, and a physician was called, but Miss Givens died when he arrived. She was found in her night robe, in a cot in a sparsely furnished room. The body was removed to undertaking rooms and held for action on the part of the coroner.

Last night an autopsy disclosed that the girl's death resulted from the effects of a corrosive poison, the nature of which must be determined by chemical analysis of the contents of her stomach. In the room was a six-ounce bottle of turpentine, with probably an empty glass. That the girl either was not too ill to prepare for telling what she had done, or that she was evidenced by the fact that her hair was plaited and she had donned a night robe, as if she had retired leisurely.

Miss Givens was a girl of delicate features, and pretty. The only baggage found in the room with her body was a new leather suitcase, in which were the ordinary garments of a young woman's wardrobe. There also were some letters and a photograph. From the letters the coroner learned that Miss Givens had been a school teacher at or near Newcastle, and probably at Covington. She had written letters of recommendation as a teacher, and persons in Roanoke who knew her say she was exceptionally bright and very well educated. The coroner's jury was in session until a late hour this evening investigating the cause of the death of the young woman, but no verdict was reached.

Sentenced to Death.
Norfolk, Va., September 15.—Lee Archer, the negro convicted of assault upon Miss Clara Whitehurst, of Princess Anne, today was sentenced by Judge White to be electrocuted in the penitentiary at Richmond October 24. The crime was committed September 2. Archer was indicted, tried and convicted on September 2.

ELLIOTT IS RELEASED.
Not Sufficient Evidence to Convict Him of Homicide.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Bristol, Va., September 15.—James Calvin Elliott, formerly of Roanoke, who was jailed here ten days ago charged with bigamy, today was released as the result of a hearing in Police Court. Frankie Moore Elliott, who claimed she was married to him at Danville, Ky., having failed to substantiate her claim. Elliott admitted that he married Sadie Carper, a thirteen-year-old Bristol girl, under a false name, when he procured a license under the name of James Morris, and following his release from prison today he was remarried to her under the name of Elliott. "Parson" Burroughs, of the "Green" Green, was the officiating minister.

DATE OF BRYAN'S VISIT IS CHANGED

Secretary Will Speak on Opening Day of Fredericksburg Fair.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Fredericksburg, Va., September 15.—William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, will visit the Fredericksburg fair on the opening day, Tuesday, September 23, and deliver an address on the fair grounds. Mr. Bryan accepted this invitation some time ago, and at that time announced that he would come on Wednesday, the second day of the fair, but since then he has realized that the anniversary of his wedding day falls on October 1, and it being his custom to spend that day at home with his family, he had the time for his visit changed to Tuesday, the first day of the fair. The people of this section have never had the opportunity to hear Mr. Bryan speak, and it is expected that great throngs will come from miles around, and the largest crowd will be on the grounds on that occasion that has ever entered the gates.

On the Port Royal Road, ten miles from this city, near Hayfield, is a large fully popular tree which has stood the storms of ages. This tree is referred to in deeds of record in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Clarke County, dating back to a period prior to the Revolutionary War. During the Civil War the tree was used as a signal tower. It can be seen for many miles around. The tree, because of its great age, is hollow in places, and there are many decayed portions, but it is still vigorous, and with some attention would stand for many years. Alexander Berger, of Hayfield, took an interest in the tree and wrote to the United States Department of Agriculture concerning it, with the result that a representative was sent from the department to examine the tree, and it will be required and preserved as far as possible. The decayed parts will be cut away and the hollow portions filled with cement. This is expected to put the tree in a healthy condition. The recent rains have effectively ended the great drought which had prevailed in this section for weeks, reviving streams, springs and wells and brightening nature generally, putting land in condition for fall plowing, and otherwise helping the farmers with their crops.

GALLANT KNIGHTS TILT IN ESSEX TOURNAMENT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Fredericksburg, Va., September 15.—At a tournament held at Lloyds, in Essex County, knights participated from Essex, King and Queen, King William and Mathews Counties. The charge to the knights was delivered by James M. Lewis, who also delivered the coronation address and placed the crowns upon the heads of the fair young women who had been chosen by the gallant knights. Ben Smith, of Essex, won first honors and crown of the queen, and placed the crown upon the head of the queen, George D. Ellis crowned Miss Wethers, of King George, first maid of honor. Forrest Dickinson crowned Miss Hunter second maid of honor. Stanley Gresham crowned Miss Imogene Ellis third maid of honor.

Have Narrow Escape.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lawrenceville, Va., September 15.—While on their way to a picnic at Zebony last Saturday, Mack Raney and two other men from La Grasse had a narrow escape from serious, if not fatal, injuries when their automobile skidded while going at a high speed down a rough hill. Mr. Raney stuck to the steering wheel, while his two companions escaped out at the first sign of danger. The car turned completely over, catching Mr. Raney under it, but on account of the backs of the seats keeping the weight of the machine from resting on his body, he was not hurt.



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News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street (Telephone 1453).

Petersburg, Va., September 15.—The Baraca-Philathea Association of Virginia closed its third annual convention this afternoon, after a most delightful and profitable meeting, and splendid enthusiasm shown in the work of the organization. The convention was a great success, attracting between 200 and 250 young men and women delegates from all sections of the State, to whom a most cordial welcome was given in the hospitable homes of the city. The two branches of the association held separate meetings in the First Baptist Church during the forenoon and met jointly this afternoon.

The Baracas.
The Baraca meeting was opened with prayer and praise conducted by Joseph Edwards, of Petersburg, followed by reports of the State secretary, Joseph H. Barker, of Norfolk; State Treasurer J. B. Lloyd, of Richmond, and reports of committees. An address on "The Baraca" was delivered by J. E. Woodhouse, of Norfolk. The next business in order was the election of officers, and the following were elected:

President, C. Allison, Richmond; first vice-president, Paul Pettit, Petersburg; second vice-president, G. H. Doyle, Norfolk; third vice-president, J. E. Woodhouse, Norfolk; fourth vice-president, J. E. Woodhouse, Norfolk; secretary, Oscar Wingfield, Petersburg; assistant secretary, L. H. Crawford, Fredericksburg; secret service secretary, G. Oliver, Timberlake, Richmond; treasurer, J. H. Barker, Norfolk.

A symposium conducted by Rev. Frank Anderson, of Johnston, N. Y., enhanced the discussion of organization, maintenance and expansion of the association and its work. An interesting address on "Baraca and Its Relation to the Sunday School and Church" was delivered by Rev. W. T. A. Haynes, of Petersburg. A symposium conducted by J. G. Allison, of Richmond, enhanced the discussion of class spirituality and consecration and secret service.

The Philatheas.
Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Mary Ridout, of Petersburg. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. E. B. Copeland, of Norfolk, on "Our Duty as Philatheas"; Miss Catherine Watkins, of Richmond, on "The Baraca"; Miss Alice Farmer, of Norfolk, on "A Well-Organized President and Successful Secretary"; Miss Bertha Cameron, of Norfolk, on "The Juniors"; and Mrs. F. J. Peterson, of Norfolk, on "Secret Service." This branch of the Baraca-Philathea work is regarded as of great importance. Miss Lenora Roper, of Petersburg, led in the discussion of the question of "How to Keep Me and Use Me," which brought forth brief talks from many members. Officers of the Philathea State League for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, Miss Bertha Cannon, of Norfolk; first vice-president, Miss Emma Miller, of Richmond; second vice-president, Mrs. Huggins, of Farmville; third vice-president, Mrs. Freeman, of Portsmouth; fourth vice-president, Miss Myrtle Cotton, of Petersburg; secretary, Miss Annette Lipscomb, of Richmond; corresponding secretary, Miss Lulu Hack, of Petersburg; treasurer, Miss Myrtle Chary, of Richmond.

Joint Meeting.
At the joint meeting of the Baraca and Philathea this afternoon, prayer and praise service was conducted by Miss Annie Bell Seward, of Petersburg. There were interesting addresses by Field Secretary Anderson and Rev. L. M. Toper, D. D., the latter addressing the question of "How to Keep Me and Use Me," which brought forth brief talks from many members. Officers of the Philathea State League for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, Miss Bertha Cannon, of Norfolk; first vice-president, Miss Emma Miller, of Richmond; second vice-president, Mrs. Huggins, of Farmville; third vice-president, Mrs. Freeman, of Portsmouth; fourth vice-president, Miss Myrtle Cotton, of Petersburg; secretary, Miss Annette Lipscomb, of Richmond; corresponding secretary, Miss Lulu Hack, of Petersburg; treasurer, Miss Myrtle Chary, of Richmond.

Jumped From Train.
William Grant, colored, employed as train hand on the Norfolk and Western Railway, is in the Petersburg Hospital, suffering from very serious injuries received by jumping from a train. Grant was on a freight train

in short distance west of the city Saturday evening, when for some reason he conceived the idea that the train, which was running at full speed, would come into collision with another. He jumped to save himself. He landed with his head, fracturing his skull in three places, and also breaking one of his legs. He was brought to the hospital, where he was operated on by Dr. H. A. Burke, who removed three pieces of the fractured skull. The wound was given in the hospital, but to-day the man's condition is favorable.

Workingmen's Mass-Meeting.
A public mass-meeting in the interest of the working people of Petersburg was held to-morrow night in the Red Men's Hall on Bank Street. The speakers are to be James B. Doherty, Commissioner of Labor; John Hirschberg, of the Administrative Board of Richmond; E. C. Davidson, president, and Howard Colvin, secretary, of the Virginia Federation of Labor. It is believed that this meeting will be the beginning of a new era in trade unionism in Petersburg, and that it will result in the revival of labor organizations and of a central body here.

Robbery at Clubhouse.
Twice last week—on Thursday and Friday nights—the clubhouse of the Petersburg baseball team at the ball park, was broken into and robbed. Nearly every player on the team lost something of value that had been left in the house—shoes, gloves, clothes, suitcases, breast protectors, wire masks and the like. There is no clue to the thieves.

Reports From Sunday Schools.
The Baptist and Methodist Sunday School Associations of Petersburg and vicinity met in joint session with the Baraca-Philathea mass-meeting yesterday afternoon, and made reports of their respective organizations for the past month. The report from the Baptist schools showed a total average register of 1,818; average attendance, 1,415; per cent of attendance, 78; new scholars, 59; collections, \$221.

The reports from the Methodist schools showed an average register of 1,553; average attendance, 1,237; per cent of attendance, 71; collections, \$192.

Public School Enrollment.
Since the opening of the public schools for white children last week the enrollment has increased to 2,932. The schools for colored children were opened to-day, with an enrollment of 1,653, a slight increase of the first day's enrollment last year. The children are housed as follows: Peabody School, 532; Jones Street, 553; East Ward, 262.

General News Notes.
Mrs. Beatrice Carroll, of Norfolk, is spending the week with Miss Mabel Davis on Lee Street, Kitterick. Judge and Mrs. J. M. Mullin have returned home after spending some weeks in the North and at Culpeper, Va.

The Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute opened today with a full attendance of students.

Nominated for Legislature.
Harrisonburg, Va., September 15.—Rockingham County Republicans today nominated M. L. Harrison and E. S. Earman to oppose Kezell and Baldwin for the Legislature.

Mr. T. C. Conlon
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Merchant Tailors, Charlottesville, Va., will be at the Richmond Hotel on Wednesday and Thursday, September 17 and 18, with a complete line of fall and winter woollens for the coming season. Mr. Conlon will be glad to have his many friends and customers call and see him.

DEFIES COUNCIL AND OPENS SCHOOL

Mrs. Carl Willett Takes Possession of Building at Virginia Beach.

MAYOR HIGHLY INCENSED

Meanwhile, Woman Principal Calmly Resumes Sway Over 110 Pupils.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Norfolk, Va., September 15.—Mrs. Carl Willett, whose status as principal of the Virginia Beach School is maintained by some and disputed by others, entered the new building at the Beach at 8 o'clock this morning and declared school to be opened for the session of 1913-14.

That strong sentiment at the Beach is with her was evidenced by the fact that there was an enrollment of 110 pupils, many of whom were attended by their parents.

Mrs. Willett gained possession of the building through a strategic move on the part of Mr. Drinkwater, one of the trustees, who all through Mrs. Willett's difficulty with the Town Council, has stood by her in her fight to maintain her position as principal of the school.

By furnishing a bond to the contractor to insure him against loss, Mr. Drinkwater gained possession of the new building, turned the keys over to Mrs. Willett, and she proceeded to open for business.

The school board's other two members, Dr. R. B. South and E. D. Percebe, who have been trying to depose Mrs. Willett, erected a placard in front of the new building announcing that the school would be open on September 29. When Mrs. Willett took charge this morning this sign was turned with its face to the wall and 110 pupils walked merrily in.

The plan of Mayor R. P. Holland and members of the Town Council is now to have a court order issued restraining Mrs. Willett from teaching in the school, on the ground that she is illegally in charge, and that the contract that was made with her with the old school board is invalid because it was made after the Council had asked for the board's resignation.

Mrs. Willett has employed Attorney N. T. Green to represent her, and has announced her intention of remaining in charge. She is guarding with great care the contract that was made with her by the school board, in which she is named as principal of the school for the coming scholastic year.

Virginia Beach is looking on the contest with a half frown and half smile. Sentiment seems overwhelmingly in favor of Mrs. Willett. At the same time, the patrons say that they regard the whole affair as unfortunate, and calculated to detract from the educational facilities offered at the Beach. Mayor Holland, who is leading the fight against Mrs. Willett, said that he regarded the whole affair as most damaging, and that if the Beach proposes to allow a woman to take the reins of authority in her hands and drive pell-mell over the invested authorities, it is time aid of the State courts is invoked to set things to rights.

Mayor Holland also stated that Mrs. Willett has no right to be teaching the school for no other reason than that she is a married woman, because, he added, the Town Council has ruled that no married woman may hold such a position a rule which is borne out, he said, by the school boards of town and cities all over the country.

"It is one of the most disastrous occurrences I have ever seen," said Mayor Holland, "and it would be folly for the town to continue to employ Mrs. Willett after the events that have taken place. She has begun openly to defy the authority of the Council. She has maintained her position up to this time by sheer domination. She has dominated Mr. Drinkwater, she dominated Mr. South and all others who tried to cross her path. We cannot stand for such high-handed methods, especially from a woman, and I believe when people of this place have thought the matter over and come out with a sane, manly sentiment they will have guided them. They will agree that Mrs. Willett should not be permitted to continue in charge of the high-class school which has been established here."

CAR AND BUGGY COLLIDE.
Occupants Are Hurled Out and Painfully Injured.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Winchester, Va., September 15.—An automobile occupied by Frederick Lemley and Robert McCarty, of Stephens county, and a buggy, in which Miss Lucy Miller and Frank R. Crane, both of Winchester, were riding, crashed together and upset last night on the Shenandoah Valley Pike, near here, and all were hurled headlong from their vehicles, suffering numerous cuts, bruises and nervous shock. Miss Miller had four front teeth knocked out.

About the same time, two large automobiles, one owned by John S. Solenberger, and the other by Harley Solenberger, had a head-on collision near the United States Cavalry camp. Each was damaged, and the occupants escaped serious injury.

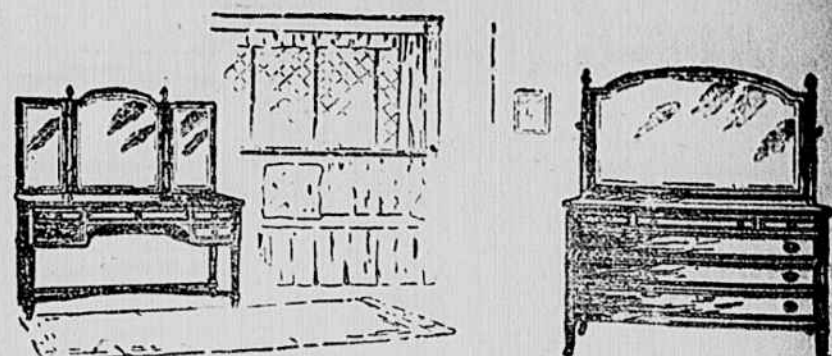
GETS THIRTY YEARS.
Aged Negro Sentenced for Murder of His Wife.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Greensboro, N. C., September 15.—Ben Hazel, a sixty-five-year-old negro, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree in Superior Court to-day and was sentenced by Judge Shaw to thirty years in the penitentiary. Four years ago he killed his wife and escaped to Pennsylvania, where he was a local preacher until a few weeks ago, when he was apprehended.

True bills were returned by the grand jury in the cases of Ed. Haggis, for murder of his son, Lambert Haggis, and Jim McClure, for murder of Deputy Sheriff Haggis.

Coroner Wood was called to High Point to-day to hold an inquest over the body of Policeman J. W. Wilcher, who died from gunshot wounds he received Saturday night in a fight at a negro moving picture show. Wilcher said before his death that he was accidentally shot by Chief of Police Ridge, but eyewitnesses say he was mistaken. As a matter of fact, the same bullet that killed Wilcher struck the chief's hand and arm, and was fired from behind by an unidentified man, who escaped.

Chester School Opens.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Chester, Va., September 15.—The Agricultural High school has opened here with 230 pupils. The Bermuda school board has elected teachers, and all but the colored schools were opened to-day.



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BLACKSTONE GIRL IS UNDER ARREST

Former Student at Institute Tells Story of Drug and Mock Marriage.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
St. Louis, Mo., September 15.—Miss Mary E. Burton, of Wynne, Ark., dark-haired and brown-eyed, who says she was a student at Blackstone Female Institute, near Richmond, was arrested this afternoon at the home of E. P. Zimmer, in St. Louis, charged with having passed a worthless \$50 draft on the Illinois State Trust Company Bank of East St. Louis.

Miss Burton admitted having cashed the draft, and told a strange story of having been dragged by a man to whom she had been married at New York, Ark., by a mock ceremony, performed by a bogus minister. The name signed to the unnumbered draft was Mrs. W. G. Adams. Miss Burton said Adams was the man who had a mock ceremony performed in order to make her believe herself his lawful wife.

According to her account, she was a senior at Blackstone Institute, and was to have been graduated this year. In April she said the school was closed because of an epidemic there and she returned to her home at Wynne, where her father has a hardware store, and later went to visit a married sister at Paragould, Ark., where she met Adams, a body fountain clerk. She is eighteen years old.

Building Permits.
Building permits were issued yesterday as follows:
R. W. Gary, to repair brick dwelling at 301 West Grace Street, at a cost of \$800.
Isam Rodee, to repair frame dwelling at 321 St. Peter Street, at a cost of \$200.
Wm. H. H. T. Co., to repair brick building at Ninth and Main Streets, at a cost of \$150.

New Law Upheld.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Norfolk, Va., September 15.—Police Judge Barron to-day held that the new Virginia law requiring manufacturers of ice cream to contain 8 per cent of fat is constitutional, and tried all defendants for failure to comply. All appeals were taken.

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